GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2507
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MSP OF RED CHILLY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Minimum Support Price (MSP) provided by the Government for red chilly to the farmers in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the details of Central share therein;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal to the Union Government to review the MSP for red chilly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(b): Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), Government of India fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for fair average quality (FAQ) varieties of 25 commodities for the country as a whole and not by States. Government does not fix MSP for red chilly.

In the case of other crops including red chilly, the Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) that aim at protecting the interest of the farmers in the event of distress sale of their produce. The decision to launch MIS for a particular commodity is taken by the Central Government on receipt of specific request from the State Government.The MIS for a commodity is implemented for a specified period for procurement operations at a pre-determined price fixed by the Central and the State Government concerned.Profit/loss incurred,if any,is borne on sharing basis by the Central and State Government.

(c): No proposal from the Government of Karnataka has been received for the procurement of red chilly under MIS.

(d): Does not arise.